



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Seven - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Term Three has been a busy time for our Social Science Faculty. With many EOTC trips organised and the Young Enterprise Business Challenge keeping our students occupied, the Faculty has been a bustling place.

### JUNIORS

Junior Social Studies has focused on the implications of conflict for Year 9s, looking into the various major conflict, such as World War One. This has generated lots of conversations and curiosity, such as the key events that led to conflict and analysing how these major conflicts impact Aotearoa.

Our Year 10 cohort was fortunate enough to be involved in the Young Enterprise challenge, which allowed them to work in groups to solve an issue or business opportunity and to work as a team to generate solutions.

The Year 10 cohort also delved into the complex and vital topic of human rights. This unit has been designed to foster empathy and global awareness and has encouraged students to move beyond the classroom. Students were able to explore critical moments and key people, such as Rosa Parks, who have challenged the complexities of society and breaches of human rights. The learning began with an in-depth look at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). They have been dissecting the 30 articles of the UDHR, discussing everything from the right to freedom of thought to the right to education. Through group discussions and presentations, they have been able to connect these historical documents to their own lives and communities. 10 Maunga are preparing for a class debate about the right to education. This exciting debate has really created in-depth discussions.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

Year 10 students are currently learning about the significance of human rights and their impact on us as individuals and as a society. Some classes have studied Human Rights heroes and examined one particular human right in detail. Here are some displays showcasing the students' learning.

*"Learning about the right to freedom of speech made me realise how powerful our voices are. We can use them to speak up for ourselves and for others who might not be able to."* **Rhythm McLean**

*"I was shocked to learn how many people still lack basic rights, such as access to clean water and education. It's an ongoing issue that we need to address."* **Maddi Olsen**



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# OUR STUDENTS

## SENIORS

Our Senior classes have just finished their Derived Grade Exams. Timetables of the NZQA exams are already available and we encourage students and families to add these to their calendars. These exams take place from 4 - 28th November

## RECOGNITIONS

Due recognition needs to be given to four students:

Karla Davey, Nicole Jones, Kylie Woodward and Katelyn Clark who participated in the National Secondary School Case Challenge recently. The students were tasked with coming up with a marketing plan for the A2 Fonterra Milk. Our students competed with many schools from around New Zealand. Although they did not make it to the finals, their efforts and drive to challenge themselves are a testament to their desire to succeed in education.

## WAIMATHS

Last Thursday two teams, Year 9 and Year 10 attended the annual WaiMaths Competition at Hamilton Boys High School with around 15 other schools from around the Waikato. While we did not bring home any places, a great night was had by all and students are already discussing their plan of attack for next year.

## MATHS WEEK

Well done to everyone who got out there and took part in Maths Week, the daily questions were topics of debate through the day.

### Senior Daily Question champions:

Katie Raine  
Maggie Wilson  
Kylie Woodward

### Junior Daily Question champion:

Kayla Wilken

The mean of everyone's guesses throughout the week was **482!** Congratulations to Manaia-Rae Newton who made this guess on the last day



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# GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

## Grant Jarvis Football Tournament

The 1st XI Girls have enjoyed a challenging, but thoroughly successful week at the Grant Jarvis Tournament in Hamilton. These young kaitākaro whanapoikiri have outdone themselves, finishing 16th out of 31 teams. As we are the smallest kura represented - probably also with the youngest squad - we have every reason to be proud of this performance. We have punched above our weight throughout the season and this week is no exception. We held Lynfield College, with a roll of 2,000 students, to a mere 2-0 win against us yesterday. Today, Matamata College only just edged past us to win 1-0 despite leading the division above us in the normal Waikato competition. What our squad lacks in experience, they more than make up for in determination and sheer willpower.

It has been an absolute pleasure seeing our senior players mentor their teina on and off the field and with six Year 9 players the future is looking bright. It is with a heavy heart that we farewell Year 13s *Holly Church, Sophie Pereira, Katelyn Speight and Brooklyn Speight*, however, we will be forever grateful for their services to football at Ōtorohanga College. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Kia hora te marino, kia whakapapa pounamu te moana, kia tere te kārohirohi i mua i tō huarahi.



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# COLLEGE A UNISS

## Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament (UNISS)

On Sunday 24th August, our College A netball girls left for Auckland full of excitement and anticipation to compete in the Upper North Island Secondary Schools (UNISS) Netball Tournament.

Throughout the week, the team has faced tough opposition, playing two challenging games each day. Despite the intensity of the competition, our girls have shown incredible grit and resilience - never giving up, always playing with determination and showing true heart on court.

As the days went on, they not only grew as players - developing their skills, confidence and game sense, but also as friends, strengthening their bonds and building memories that will last well beyond the Tournament.

Their teamwork, perseverance and spirit have made us all proud - they have represented the College with distinction both on and off the court.



# FENCING GATEWAY PROGRAMME

This week, our students participated in a hands-on Fencing Gateway programme led by fencing expert Geoff from Can Train NZ. The programme provided valuable practical experience, helping students work towards a combination of NCEA Level 2 and Level 3 credits, with a total of 23 credits up for grabs.

The course covered a range of essential skills, from identifying and maintaining fencing tools and materials to the practical application of installing fencing wire and repairing fences. Under Geoff's expert guidance, students also gained knowledge of electric and non-electric fences and safe fencing practices, along with learning how to properly handle and store wire.

This course was an excellent opportunity for students to develop valuable skills and earn important credits for their NCEA



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# RAINBOW YOUTH

We successfully hosted our inaugural mixer this evening in collaboration with EaseUp, marking a significant milestone in our partnership. Initiated by Te Kūiti High School in 2023, it was our honour to take on the role of host and we look forward to nurturing this relationship in the future.

Our Rangatahi felt empowered, recognised and valued, which brings me immense joy as I witness their journey.

Thank you for your continued support of Rainbow Youth. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the staff members who contributed their time and efforts to make this event possible.



## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Photolife Team Photographs - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Netball End Of Season Celebration - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Reports emailed to parents - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September
- CAA Writing - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September
- CAA Reading - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- CAA Numberacy - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 3 ends - 19<sup>th</sup> September

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